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1. Between 3 February and 31 March 1954, no changes occurred with regard to the assignment of personnel to the 2d Inf Regt of KVP Division Schwerin. The unit was still quartered in the Fusselier Kaserne, Rostock. The strength report at roll call on 24 February listed 209 officers and 802 EM. Since mid-February, preparations had been made for a recruiting campaign, allegedly in order to bring to full strength all units by May and June 1954. Training sections for recruits were activated with the individual battalions. In March, 62 recruits were assigned to the regiment. The recruits received basic training in the training section and were then distributed to the individual battalions. [REDACTED]

2. On Red Army Day on 23 February, Captain Drueckhammer (fnu), regimental Polit officer, addressed the regiment. A company commanders' meeting, having as subject the deficiencies and shortcomings of the units, was held on 24 and 25 February. A committee under Colonel Bleck (fnu) inspected the installation between 25 and 28 February. The committee observed that the discipline and morale of the regiment were bad. 2
3. On 28 February, all battalions engaged in an 8-km practice march with light field pack and small arms. The best time was 54 minutes. 2
4. At 1 a.m. on 11 March, an alert was sounded. At 1:30 a.m., all but 200 guard personnel had left the installation. Heavy weapons observed with the troops included 2 SU-76s, 5 x 57-mm AT guns, 5 x 45-mm AT guns, 6 heavy mortars, and 2 AA machine guns on trucks. About 30 trucks were counted. The simulated situation was that American airborne troops had landed in the Bad Doberan area during the night of 10 March. At dawn on 11 March, the regiment arrived at the rear position in the Gross-Schwass area, which is the garrison training grounds. Prior to 2 p.m., the units dug themselves in; the trucks were parked in the woods and the heavy weapons were enplaced at the edge of the woods. Telephone connection was established not before 5 p.m. Final orders were issued at 4 p.m. and the exercise was called off at 6 p.m. Most of the troops displayed ill-humor during the practice. The soldiers slept in the foxholes and had to be woken up several times by the NCOs. On 17 March, Colonel Bleck addressed officers and EM at roll call. He commended the troops and expressed his thanks for the efficiency shown during the exercise on 11 March and emphasized that the Rostock regiment was the best in the GDR. 2

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5. On 17 March, 120 soldiers with AT guns and mortars transferred to Eggesin for firing practice with live ammunition. ³

6. In March, daily field practices were held at the training grounds in Rostock Heath near Graal and Mueritz.

25X1A 1. [] Comment. The strength of the regiment is considerably below the authorized strength. The infantry regiments of Division Prenzlau, for instance, have strengths of 1,500 to 1,800 men. As the recruiting campaign so far failed to bring the desired results, it is doubted that the regiment will be brought to authorized strength by June 1954.

25X1A 2. [] Comment. The Division Eggesin and Prenzlau also conducted exercises at regimental level in March. It is rather improbable that the discipline and efficiency of the Rostock regiment should have changed to that extent during a few weeks, although since the statements by Colonel Bleck (fnu), the regimental commander, were contradictory.

25X1A 3. [] Comment. The exercises were probably conducted at Jaegerbrueck firing range.

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